GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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BANNING HPCL TO OPEN SUB COUNTERS IN ANDHRA PRADESH
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have banned companies like Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) from giving domestic gas connections over the counter in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether rural and tribal areas in some districts of Andhra Pradesh have been deprived of domestic gas due to the ban on opening sub-counters, by HPCL; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to obtain a report from the HPCL and direct it to provide domestic gas connections in rural and tribal areas of the State ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) & (b): Government have a plan to liquidate the waiting list existing with LPG distributors of Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies as on 1.12.1999 in the country by the end of year 2000. Accordingly, LPG connections are being released in Andhra Pradesh by Oil Marketing Companies including Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL).

(c) &(d): Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies including HPCL, have been authorised to open extension counters in the rural areas upto 30 kilometers radius to release the new connections in rural and tribal areas in the State of Andhra Pradesh. Government have also allowed release of 10 lakh LPG connections in the rural areas of Andhra Pradesh under `Deepam Scheme`.